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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Official Action of October 19, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests that the above-identified application be amended as follows.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this Amendment.

The Remarks portion begins on page 6 of this Amendment.